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(These data are subject to revision)

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Preliminary estimates of employment and earnings for February are now available at the major industry level for Canada, in addition to the usual data for January. These data are based on early returns and are subject to two subsequent revisions as more returns become available. Although complete industry and area detail is not yet available, these figures should indicate movements in the major series.

Details of the estimating procedure used can be obtained from the Employment Section, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

JANUARY

The January unadjusted composite index of employment (1961=100) decreased by 1.5 p.c. from 120.5 in December to 118.6 in January and was 0.3 p.c. lower than in January of last year. Seasonally-adjusted, the index at 123.0 was 0.4 p.c. higher than the December index.

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexes. Among the industry divisions, forestry showed a decrease of 2.4 p.c. and transportation, communication, and other utilities increased by 1.7 p.c. Other changes ranged from a decrease of 0.7 p.c. in service to an increase of 1.4 p.c. in construction. Among the regions, only the Atlantic Region showed a decrease (0.3 p.c.). Increases ranged from 0.1 p.c. in Ontario to 0.9 p.c. in the Prairie Region.

Average Weekly Wages & Salaries - At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries at \$105.70 were \$3.21 higher than in December and \$6.13 higher than in January of last year. All major industry divisions showed increases, the largest being a rise of \$18.38 in construction. All regions also showed increases ranging from \$2.85 in Ontario to \$4.40 in the Atlantic Region.

FEBRUARY

Preliminary estimates indicate that the composite index of employment declined to 117.0 in February from 118.6 in January. The employment index for total manufacturing declined in February as a slight increase in the non-durables component was more than offset by a decline in durables. The decrease in durables can be largely attributed to an industrial dispute in transportation equipment. The predicted forestry index also showed a seasonal decline. Increases are indicated for average weekly wages and salaries in all industry divisions.

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Advance Employment Index Numbers and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries(1)

Industry division and province	Employment index numbers (1961=100)							Average weekly wages and salaries				
	Unadjusted					Seasonally- adjusted						
	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967
	1961=100							dollars				
<u>Industry division</u>												
Forestry	74.6	84.8	92.5	94.0	101.7	91.9	94.2	129.99	115.04	112.72	114.62	107.36
Mining	107.7	108.7	107.3	106.5	106.3	110.9	110.0	138.30	136.82	133.36	128.00	126.46
Manufacturing	118.1	119.8	119.8	122.0	122.1	122.5	122.7	111.23	110.03	107.83	103.94	103.06
Durable goods	126.4	130.7	131.0	134.7	134.7	132.4	133.2	119.22	116.98	115.58	110.27	109.57
Non-durable goods	111.4	111.1	110.7	111.8	112.0	114.6	114.3	103.91	103.43	100.42	97.80	96.77
Construction	101.1	103.9	103.4	113.1	117.0	121.9	120.2	134.96	131.75	113.37	130.14	128.46
Transportation, communi- cation and other util- ities	--	106.3	108.1	104.8	105.0	111.5	109.6	--	118.22	115.38	111.49	109.27
Trade	123.4	125.8	134.6	120.2	122.5	128.9	127.4	84.64	83.41	81.56	79.92	78.41
Finance, insurance and real estate	129.3	128.9	128.4	122.4	122.2	129.2	128.7	101.60	101.24	100.44	95.95	95.74
Service	148.3	147.7	149.2	142.0	140.3	154.5	155.6	79.32	77.09	76.54	73.91	73.14
Industrial composite	117.0	118.6	120.5	118.3	119.0	123.0	122.5	107.48	105.70	102.49	100.85	99.57
<u>Province and region</u>												
Atlantic region	--	109.7	114.0	108.8	111.0	116.4	116.7	--	89.02	84.62	85.09	83.75
Newfoundland	--	109.5	115.6	113.0	114.7	123.2	123.3	--	93.87	91.44	89.94	88.36
Prince Edward Island ...	--	106.6	126.2	98.4	108.5	123.0	131.6	--	76.58	68.81	73.82	69.52
Nova Scotia	--	110.1	111.9	107.7	109.1	114.0	113.1	--	86.58	81.33	82.66	81.26
New Brunswick	--	109.7	114.3	108.4	111.1	114.0	116.0	--	89.97	85.68	85.71	84.93
Quebec	--	113.9	115.8	115.2	116.1	118.6	117.8	--	104.08	101.02	98.98	97.78
Ontario	--	123.1	124.7	122.2	122.9	126.2	126.1	--	108.59	105.74	103.35	102.13
Prairie region	--	117.3	118.6	114.7	114.7	122.2	121.1	--	100.42	96.52	95.12	93.94
Manitoba	--	111.7	112.0	109.5	109.9	116.0	113.9	--	95.93	91.93	89.49	88.20
Saskatchewan	--	114.3	118.0	111.0	111.3	122.0	121.1	--	98.11	96.35	93.65	92.13
Alberta	--	123.3	124.4	120.6	120.3	127.8	127.2	--	104.76	100.10	100.12	99.12
British Columbia	--	122.3	124.2	123.4	123.0	128.7	128.1	--	115.54	112.26	113.21	111.19
Yukon	--	109.4	108.3	92.0	91.2	134.5	122.6	--	144.83	149.11	131.71	130.07
Northwest Territories	--	96.2	95.2	88.5	88.0	110.7	113.6	--	163.98	162.14	158.42	162.87
Canada	117.0	118.6	120.5	118.3	119.0	123.0	122.5	107.48	105.70	102.49	100.85	99.57

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-- Not available.

